SINGH DEO): (a) The required information upto the period indicated is not readily available.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Government's policy towars all categories of newspapers is consistent with its stand for freedom of the Press as enshrined in the Constitution.

रेडियो कश्मीर पर उर्दू कमेंट्री

2617. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल :** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) रेडियो कश्मीर से उर्दू भाषा के कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत कितने लोग कमेंट्री प्रसारित करते हैं; और

(ख) पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान किन-किन व्यक्तियों ने कमेंट्री की है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के.पी. सिंह देव) : (क) और (ख) रेडियो कश्मीर के पास लगभग 30 ख्यातिप्राप्त पत्रकारों तथा लेखकों का एक पैनल है, जो रेडियो कश्मीर से कामेंटरियां प्रसारित करने में अपना योगदान देते हैं। कामेंटरी लेखकों के नामों को बताना जनहित में नहीं होगा।

News-Readers on Television

2618. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Hindi and English T.V. News-readers have been appointed on regular basis since the introduction of T.V. News Service;

(b) if so, what are the names of these News-readers with scale of pay given to them and nature of their duties language-wise including facilities provided to them;

(c) whether certain employees of schools and other organisations are also reading Hindi and Englsh T.V. News;

(d) if so, names of such readers with their places of working and emoluments being paid to them for such reading;

(e) whether reading of T.V. News is done at News-time i.e. live-telecast or pre-recorded telecast;

(f) whether some scientific technique for reading of T.V. News is being adopted which keeps the eyes of News-reader towards viewers; and

(g) if so, the details hereof with total time being spent on the final News-reading?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The following persons have been appointed by Doordarshan as news readers in the pay scale of Rs. 2000-3500 on a regular basis:

(i) Ms. Salma Sultan (Hindi)

(ii) Shri N. C. Srivastava (Hindi)

(iii) Ms. Minu Talwar (English)

They are entitled to all the facilities available to Government servants.

(c) and (d) The Doordarshan Kendras orginating news bulletins also engage the services of casual news readers on payment of fees ranging from Rs. 250-750 per assignment. The details of the names of these persons and their occupation is not maintained centrally in a compiled form.

(e) Except for Parliament news/ Sansad Samachar all other news bulletins are always telecast live.